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### MARRIED AN INDIAN

A NEW YORK ARTIST CREATES  
A SENSATION.

Beautiful Miss Hashagen Weds the  
Big Fullblood Indian Model, Thunder  
Cloud—Spending Their Honey-  
moon in Parts Unknown.

**Weds a Fullblood Indian.**  
NEW YORK: One of the most startling and romantic bits of news ever connected with the art world leaked out when it was learned that Mrs. Hattie Hashagen was married recently to Thunder Cloud, the big Indian, who is one of the most popular and valuable models in the country. Miss Hashagen has had a studio on Fifty-ninth Street for nearly two years. Here she has lived with her mother and done much good and promising work in oil, water color and wash drawings. From time to time her work has appeared in the exhibitions. She is, moreover, well known in artistic circles for her beauty. She is 22 years old, fair complexioned, has a head of soft, wavy brown hair and a pair of large brown eyes and dresses with great elegance. Thunder Cloud has been a familiar figure in the New York studios for several years. His fine figure, set off with his war paint and string of bear's teeth, have made him much sought after, not only in the studios, but in the art schools. He is an ideal specimen of manhood from a physical standpoint. The bride and groom are spending a honeymoon in parts unknown.

**Mexican Towns Destroyed.**  
CITY OF MEXICO: Telegrams from Mazatlan state that the town of Altata has completely disappeared as a result of the recent hurricane. Every house was destroyed, burying the inhabitants in their ruins, and the only building left standing is a portion of the custom house. The bark Elena and schooner Rebecca were probably lost. The town of Elotai was wiped out of existence, only one house remaining. Nineteen people were drowned there. Other towns destroyed are Tecuma, Escaleras, Silado and Ceritas. The inhabitants of all these towns who escaped death are without food, shelter and clothing, and the authorities have taken immediate measures for their relief. It is rumored that yellow fever has appeared at Manzanillo.

**Steamer Ashore.**  
SEATTLE, Wash.: The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's passenger vessel Umatilla, is ashore at Point Wilson. She left San Francisco on Saturday for Victoria and Puget Sound Ports with a full complement of passengers. While making way up the straits of Fuca during a dense fog she struck a rock, and water poured into her hold so quickly that the steamer had to be beached. Her hold is now full of water and the cargo will have to be removed before the extent of damage to the vessel can be ascertained. The Umatilla lies in a good position, and in the event of a strong westerly gale would prove a total loss. All passengers are reported safe.

**Condition Is Pitiful.**  
MARSEILLES: There exists a condition of affairs in this city at present which seems to be a disgrace to Europe and Armenian associations generally throughout the world. Subsisting upon Government, municipal or private charity here are 500 Armenians, men, women and children, young, old, healthy and sick, who succeeded in escaping the bloody massacres at Constantinople, and who, one and all, buoyed up by the hope of being able eventually to reach the land of freedom, the United States, are stranded.

**Raided by Cuban Rebels.**  
HAVANA: The village of San Miguel del Padron, on the road from Havana to Guines, was raided and burned by insurgents. Stores and residences were robbed and churches destroyed. Many men, women and children were stripped of their clothing and driven out into the rain and storm in night clothes, who reached Guanabaco the next morning, seeking refuge.

**Rain Damages Cotton Crop.**  
AUSTIN, Texas: Reports from all sections of the state received here indicate that the cotton crop has been seriously damaged by the heavy rains of Friday night and Saturday. Cotton was in full bloom and hundreds of acres were washed clean.

**Asylum Attendant Dismissed.**  
ELGIN, Ill.: Owen Carr, an attendant at the asylum, charged with beating James Corke of Rock Falls, formerly a patient, whose case is being investigated, has been dismissed from the force.

**Discounts American Money.**  
TORONTO, Ont.: Following the example of McGill University at Montreal, the Toronto University authorities have decided not to accept American money at par from the students across the border in payment of their fees.

**Butter Makers to Meet.**  
ELGIN, Ill.: The executive committee of the National Creamery Butter Makers' Association met here and decided to hold the annual convention at Owatonna, Minn., January 20 to 25.

**Kills in a Fit of Insanity.**  
PEORIA, Ill.: In a fit of insanity Miss Jennie King, aged 37 years, killed her brother's daughter, Grace King, nearly 4 months old, by pounding her on the head with a rock.

**Explosion of Grease Causes Fire.**  
BURKE, Idaho: Tiger's Miners' boarding house was burned by fire caused by an explosion of grease, causing the death of one and serious injury of many persons.

**Buggy Company in Trouble.**  
INDIANAPOLIS: A number of creditors, chief among whom is the Pottery Company Buggy Company of St. Louis have applied for a receiver for the Capital City Buggy Company. The claims aggregated about \$5,000. Judge Harvey appointed the Union Trust Company temporary receiver.

**Bank Officials Arrested.**  
NEW ORLEANS: President William Nichols and Cashier John Deblane of the Bank of Commerce have been arrested on the charge of receiving deposits knowing the bank was insolvent.

**Robert J. Accepts.**  
NEW YORK: A match between celebrities in the world of trotting horses representing widely different portions of the globe is now on the tapis, and it can be pulled off will go on record as one of the notable events in turf annals. In a recent issue of the Chicago Horseman, George M. Slatel of Sydney, Australia, offered to match his trotter Fritz, record 2:14 1/2, made on a grass track at Melbourne in March, 1896, against any trotting horse in the world for \$10,000 a side. The challenge has been taken up by Banker Lewis G. Tewksbury of this city, who owns Robert J. (2:01 1/2), Mascot (2:04), Paul (2:07 1/2) and other flyers. In a letter to the Horseman dated the 25th, Mr. Tewksbury stated the terms under which he will take his representative (probably Robert J.) to Australia, starting December 1 next, the race to take place in six weeks after arriving in Sydney, mile heats, best three in five, National Trotting Association rules to govern. Mr. Tewksbury also makes a counter proposal, that if the Australians will bring their horse to the United States, he can probably be induced to give them odds of \$20,000 to \$10,000 on the event besides doubling the allowance they propose for expenses, which proposal he specifies as his estimate of the great handicap which is placed upon a horse that travels half around the world and undergoes a great climatic change. Mr. Tewksbury asks that the challenger be requested to cable his acceptance by November 14, so it may soon be known whether the battle will take place and where.

**Brotherhood of Carpenters.**  
CLEVELAND: The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners restricted the payment of sick benefits, so that in the future no members will be paid such benefits for a longer period than two years. A resolution was passed in favor of restricting immigration to 50,000 a year. In this connection the Lodge-Corliss bill was approved with a proviso that immigrants should be distributed by a board of ten members appointed from the labor organizations, who would see that newcomers were not sent to already overcrowded fields of labor; all immigrants failing to find work within sixty days to be sent back to the country they came from.

An energetic agitation will be started for the enforcement of the eight hour day in all localities. A bill will be drafted and introduced in Congress to make the eight hour day practically operative for all federal employees direct or indirect. A satisfactory lien law will be offered for the consideration of all state legislatures at their next sessions.

**In Fear of Forest Fires.**  
SUPERIOR, Wis.: Forest fires are spreading rapidly in this vicinity. It is reported that several valuable tracts of timber have been destroyed and that there is great danger of more destruction about ten miles south of here on the Omaha and South Shore roads. A homesteader and his family were burned out three miles from the city and came to town with what few effects they succeeded in saving, nearly dead from fatigue and only half clothed. Other settlers are reported to have been burned out, but without loss of life, and still others are now fighting the flames.

**Fatal Shooting at a Cake Walk.**  
FREDERICK, Md.: Ben Butler, a negro aged 23, shot and killed Thomas Carter and seriously wounded Edward Nelson, both colored, at a cake walk near Buckeys' Store, Frederick County, Sunday morning. About three dozen men and women had congregated at the place and during the evening partook freely of whisky. A fight ensued and Butler was knocked down and beaten with clubs. He drew a revolver and began firing promiscuously, killing Carter, and it is thought, fatally wounding Nelson.

**Egyptian Independence Scheme.**  
LONDON: The Times' Cairo correspondent believes there is some truth in a native rumor that the Khedive is now making a tour of Europe incognito and that he has taken with him a scheme for Egyptian independence drafted by prominent native officials. This anti-British intrigue, the Times correspondent continues, seems very likely, since the Khedive, while professing that the journey is nonpolitical, has had an interview with M. Hanotaux, the French minister of foreign affairs.

**Under a Cloud.**  
RICHMOND, Ind.: James W. Henderson, a local attorney, was arrested here for embezzling about \$1,500 of the funds of Woodward Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he was the secretary. He was released on a bond of \$1,500. Mr. Henderson is chairman of the Democratic central committee, secretary of the board of city committee, and also of the board of metropolitan police commissioners. He was formerly a member of the Patriarchal Circle, of which he was one of the grand officers.

**Dixon-White Fight a Draw.**  
NEW YORK: George Dixon of Boston, and Tommy White of Chicago, fought twenty rounds to a draw in the Broadway Athletic Club, in New York. Probably 5,000 people witnessed the fight, which was unusually fine. Each was said to weigh 125 pounds. They were warmly greeted by their partisans, there being considerable money bet, however of 2 to 1 on Dixon.

**500 Men Given Employment.**  
HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa.: The fires here have been lighted in the Eleanor Iron Works of Hollidaysburg and the Tyrone Iron Works of Tyrone, this county. Both plants will be run on full time, day and night. These industries have been idle during the summer. Five hundred men will be given employment.

**George R. Morrison in Jail.**  
TROY, N. Y.: County Treasurer George R. Morrison, until recently one of the most influential and popular men in Troy, a man in the prime of life and reputed to be worth \$300,000, is in jail charged with the embezzlement of \$250,000, or all of the money belonging to the county.

**Smallpox in a Troop Ship.**  
HAVANA: The steamship Santiago arrived here from Spain with fifty-nine officers and 2,050 soldiers to re-enforce the Spanish army here. There were several cases of smallpox on board the steamer, and she was fumigated before the troops landed.

**A Child Killed by Rats.**  
BALTIMORE: Three big rats attacked the 2-months-old baby boy of Isaac Asher, gnawing his face, head and neck to such an extent that it died in a short time.

**One Thousand Were Killed.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE: It now appears that 1,000 Armenians were killed during the recent massacre at Egin, in the Klarpoot district.

**Back from Liberia.**  
PHILADELPHIA: The transship W. S. land, which arrived here from Liverpool, brought back as passengers six of the colored colonists who went out to Liberia early in the spring on board the steamer Laura. They tell of terrible tales of suffering from disease and destitution by the unfortunate people who are up their homes in this country to journey to that distant republic on what appeared to be liberal offerings of the authorities there. Forty members of the Laura's expedition, consisting of 35 people, are already dead, while the entire number taken out previously on the Danish steamship Horsa, have been carried off by what is known as Jo in Bull fever.

When this expedition was made up it was represented that each married man would be given a plot of ground and a house and other grants were to be given the single men. Strips of land were given them, but no houses, and they had no shelter for months after their arrival. Provisions command high prices and they cannot be secured by these poor creatures, and there is absolutely no way to earn a living.

**Prison Congress.**  
MILWAUKEE: At the meeting of the national prison congress here the committee appointed at the last session of the prison congress to assist in preparing a history of prison management in the United States, to be presented to the international prison congress, which will meet in Brussels in 1900, held a meeting. Among those present were Gen. R. Binkert of Mansfield, Ohio, and Fred H. Wines of Springfield, Ill.

Rev. S. J. Edwards of Boston, who is the commissioner appointed by the Government to represent the United States at the international congress, was also present. It is proposed to lay before the international congress a volume giving a history and account of the present condition of prisons in this country, together with the prison and criminal laws and the work of prison reform in this country. Fred H. Wines delivered an address at a so-called popular meeting, which was held. He advocated the necessity of a more brotherly feeling toward convicts in working for their reformation. He opposed life and death sentences.

**Cigarmakers' Convention.**  
DETROIT: President G. W. Perkins and many of the delegates have arrived here to take part in the twenty-first convention of the Cigarmakers' International Union. It is anticipated the sessions will continue three weeks with about 275 delegates in attendance.

The systematically applied strength of the international body in maintaining strength, when properly and duly applied, is a matter of special interest to Detroit union cigarmakers, a majority of whom have been on a strike for over a year, the strike having resulted in the establishment of a co-operative factory, when unsuccessful otherwise. The principal reform to which the international union is now devoting itself is the eradication of child labor in the factories.

**Excitement in Worcester.**  
WORCESTER, Mass.: Considerable excitement has been caused by the fire in the underwear factory of William H. Burns & Co., on Salem Square, early Sunday morning. Burns is the man who displayed the red flag of anarchy on the front of his building with Bryan's portrait on it when the presidential candidate visited the city last Friday. This action caused a great deal of unfavorable comment. An investigation made by State Fire Marshal Holt and Chief Engineer Vaughn of the fire department, convinces them that the fire is of incendiary origin, as evidence of kerosene having been sprinkled around the room is very manifest.

**To Have a Cuban Carnival.**  
CINCINNATI: A Cuban carnival of a whole week has been arranged to begin here in Music Hall. It will open with a mass meeting to which all citizens will be invited. Gen. A. Hickenlooper has been asked to preside, and a list of 200 Cuban representatives at Washington will be present. During the rest of the week, spectacular exhibitions illustrating Cuban life and showing the cruelties of Spanish officers and soldiers will be given. The proceeds will be applied to the relief of sick and wounded Cuban soldiers.

**A 7-Year-Old Murderer.**  
WOOSTER, O.: Thomas Kidd, aged 11, the son of W. K. Kidd of Cleveland, was murdered at Dalton, near here, by Carl McIlheney, aged 7. The Kidd boy, who was a cripple, was visiting at the McIlheney home. The boys were left together while the family were at church, and they quarreled. Young Kidd struck Carl with his crutch. The latter produced his father's gun and shot Kidd, blowing off the top of his head. The young murderer confessed and has been placed under arrest.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS.**  
Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 21c to 22c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 35c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 16c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 15c; potatoes, per bushel, 20c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$25 to \$60 per ton. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 13c to 20c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 19c to 20c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 28c to 30c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 71c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 34c to 35c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, 36c to 38c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 21c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 36c to 38c; pork, mess, \$5.75 to \$6.25. Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$3.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 30c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 1 hard, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; butter, creamery, 12c to 16c; eggs, Western, 15c to 18c.

### A SUGAR BEET CROP

NEBRASKA FARMERS MARKET-  
ING LARGE QUANTITIES.

Factory at Norfolk Begins Operations with Three Hundred and Fifty Employees—Yield Is Large and of Fine Quality.

The Norfolk sugar beet factory has started receiving beets, and each day the farmers of that locality have been delivering from 250 to 350 wagon loads, for which they received \$5 per ton. In addition to those delivered by wagon great quantities of beets have been brought in by rail. This has been a very favorable season for sugar beets, and they are testing very rich in sugar, nearly the entire crop being ripe and ready for market. There are nearly 5,000 acres contracted for this factory and the campaign promises to be a long and profitable one. The factory employs about 300 men. All this helps wonderfully to relieve the hard times, and gives Norfolk quite a busy appearance.

**Western Travelers' Association.**  
The fourth annual meeting of the Western Travelers' Association was held in Grand Island last week, a good attendance being present. President Stevens being absent, W. H. Harrison of Grand Island, presided. Report of secretary, A. L. Sheets, showed a membership of 1,600, representing forty states. Out of the 559 members in Nebraska, Omaha has 178 and Lincoln ninety-three. During the year 151 accidents were reported; 121 claims for weekly indemnity were paid, amounting to \$10,310.15. Fifteen claims were rejected and fifteen withdrawn. Expert Accountant A. E. Towle, who was employed by the president of the association to audit the accounts of the treasurer, made a report showing the receipts of the year, amounting to \$147,818, and the disbursements, amounting to \$13,294.44, leaving a cash balance of \$1,408.74.

**Were Stealing with a Pole.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bourgine were placed under arrest at Hastings on the charge of robbery, and are now lodged in the county jail. The proprietors of the Black Flag Store have been missing goods almost daily. The other night a couple of clocks were stationed in the rear of the store to await results. At about 2 o'clock in the morning they heard a rattling near the skylight, and directly a long pole, with a hook on the end, was lowered into the room and hooked into some goods. Four shots were fired by the clerks. The police were on hand and the Bourgines, who live above the store, were placed under arrest. When their rooms were searched about \$40 worth of stolen goods were found, and it is thought that they have more stowed away.

**Very Like Mutual Surprise.**  
One day last week when John Byerly of North Platte returned to his room he took off his coat, laid his watch on the table, opened the closet door to hang his coat up and ran into the front end of a loaded revolver in the hands of a burglar whom he had surprised in the room. John immediately discharged to the extent of a gold watch and chain and \$1 in change. Byerly was then locked in the closet and the intruder made his escape. After he found that he was alone he made an alarm and was liberated. There is little probability of apprehending the culprit.

**To Promote Scientific Discussion.**  
A Monday Philosophical Club was organized at Nebraska City. The object of the organization is the discussion of scientific and theological questions of current interest. The membership is limited to twenty. Rev. E. T. Fleming is president and Prof. C. M. Dawes secretary. The membership is composed of prominent professional and business men of the city.

**Killed While Hiding the Trucks.**  
"Doc" Stewart, a boy about 16 years old, was killed by a St. Joseph and Grand Island train near Hollenberg, Kan. He left Fairbury to visit his mother at Hollenberg and it is supposed was riding on the trucks and fell off. He had recently returned from the State Reform school and has been stopping with relatives.

**Large Potato Crop.**  
The potato crop, which is one of growing extent and importance in the vicinity of North Loup, is now being harvested, and farmers report that it is much more promising than was supposed a few weeks ago. Arrangements are being attempted to secure special freight rates, by a number of large growers.

**Hughy Jackson Owns His Guilt.**  
Hughy Jackson, the man who held up John Byerly in his room at North Platte Thursday night, has been apprehended. Byerly's watch was found on his person, and he admits his guilt of this charge, but denies all connection with the burglary of Einstein's clothing. He says that the lively man's team got away from him.

**Injured on the Race Track.**  
Charlie Perfect of Wilsonville was seriously injured on the race track at that place. After the leaders in the horse race went by he ran out on the track, and was run into by one of those behind, knocking him down and cutting his forehead open.

**Charged with Horse Stealing.**  
D. W. Hulbert was arrested at Goings on a charge of horse stealing and bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 bonds. The Live Stock Association is said to be behind the prosecution, and to be sanguine of conviction.

**Sibley's New Church.**  
The \$11,000 new Methodist church at Sibley was crowded Sunday at the dedication services, conducted by Dr. Ives of Auburn, N. Y. To complete payment for the church over \$2,500 was subscribed at the service.

**Divorced Couple Weds Again.**  
Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Lytle of Grafton, who were divorced about a year ago, went to York and were remarried.

**Two Indians Badly Cut.**  
West Point John, an Indian, and his squaw were badly cut about the head and face at Lyons by another Indian.

**Diphtheria Interferes with School.**  
The Shelby public school opened the 23rd. Because of diphtheria and measles the school was three weeks late in starting. Some of the country schools have also remained closed owing to contagious diseases.

**For Selling Mutilated Property.**  
J. W. Hawkins was arrested by the sheriff at Nebraska City on the charge of selling mutilated property. David Tait claims to have a mortgage on a horse which Hawkins transferred to a resident of Iowa.

### HOW UNCLE SAM IS BLED.

Has Paid \$3,000,000 in Ten Years for Something He Did Not Get.

The Naval Department has at last opened its eyes to an evil of long standing and a reform may be looked for. It is in the matter of paying premiums to new warships for increased speed. Within the past ten years about \$3,000,000 has been paid in this way, yet there has been but little advance in the matter of speed. Vessels would make speed records on their trial trips and receive the bonus, but when put into service they could not maintain their records. Of the \$3,000,000 about two-thirds has gone to the Cramps of Philadelphia.

When we began the building of the new navy, it was thought desirable, because of the untold capabilities of American builders, to offer them generous inducements to improve their plants and put forth their best efforts. The premium was decided upon, but it was not the speed bonus of to-day. The earlier ships were contracted for on the plan of a premium for increased units of horsepower. Under this system were built the Yorktown, Petrel, Concord, Bennington, Charleston, Newark and Baltimore. With the exception of the Baltimore, which earned a horse-power premium of \$106,442, the contractors earned but little. It was the Baltimore's big horse-power bonus which determined the Navy Department to change the system and future contracts embraced a provision for speed premiums alone. These offers were more than liberal. They began with the Philadelphia and San Francisco, at the rate of \$25,000 per quarter knot in excess of the contract requirement of 19 knots. Under this both vessels earned a bonus for their builders of \$100,000, they having made 20 knots on their respective trials. When the New York, Columbia, Minneapolis and Olympia were contracted for the offered premium was increased to \$50,000 per quarter knot over 20 knots. The Cramps built the ships and made them go very fast on their trials, the Columbia earning \$350,000 and the Minneapolis \$414,600. This last prize opened the eyes of the department, and thereafter the offers of premiums were very much reduced, and in the later contracts for battleships and gunboats they have been withdrawn altogether. The great prize of \$350,000 just won by the Brooklyn is the last of the big premiums. There are now only four ships under construction that are to pay premiums for speed—the battleship Iowa and the three gunboats building at Newport News. The rate on these last, however, is much lower. The Iowa is to receive \$50,000 for each quarter knot excess, but the gunboats will only get \$5,000. At this rate the possible prizes will not be great, though the Iowa may earn \$100,000. The Kearsarge and Kentucky, battleships, are to receive no speed premiums, nor are the three additional battleships, authorized by the next Congress. On the contrary, they are to forfeit \$25,000 for every quarter knot under 16.

**WHEAT ON THE JUMP.**  
Prices Have Advanced Steadily and Speculation Is Reviving.  
Within fifteen days the price of wheat in Chicago has advanced 10 cents, and there is more buying as prices work higher. For five consecutive days there has been an advance above the closing figures of the previous day, and last week the advance was 7 1/2 cents. This has brought about a more confident feeling in everything in the way of grain and provisions, and the despondent feeling that has prevailed for two months is fast disappearing. Speculation is broadening, and the farmer is receiving the benefit. The market Friday was a daisy. The wise traders, who thought 65 cents for December was high-water mark, and sold out their long wheat at a fair profit, as well as the short seller, who has been feeling for the top to get out a line, thought they had a cinch, and played for a break. They got it, as December sold from 63 1/2 cents to 64 1/2 cents. Then the situation changed, and the early sellers suddenly wanted their wheat back. It was an ordinary market up to midday, but in the last hour the price advanced steadily. After the close sales were made at 67 1/2 cents. Fifteen days ago, at 57 1/2 cents, it had no friends. Now it has an abundance of them. The feature of the advance is that prices all over the world are moving up as fast as they do in Chicago, and the cash wheat is being taken by millers and exporters faster than at any time in years. There is no manipulation, but simply a supply and demand market. A coterie of big traders are arrayed on the bull side, who have great confidence in the future of values. They are John Cudahy, W. R. Linn and W. T. Baker. They bought wheat because they believed it cheap, and W. T. Baker does not hesitate to say that he believes it will sell at \$1 before another crop is raised. Supplies are well adjusted to requirements, and America for once holds the key to the situation, and can dictate prices to foreigners.

**Sparks from the Wires.**  
The noted outlaw and murderer, Bart Thrasher, and his pal, Doc Panther, last of the successors of Rube Burrows, were killed near Horse Creek, Walker County, Ala., by Deputy Sheriffs Cole and Ball, of Birmingham. The marriage of Miss Olive Bagley, fourth daughter of the late ex-Gov. John J. Bagley, to Steadman Buttrick, a young banker and broker of Boston, whose home is in Concord, Mass., was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother in Detroit. Judge Baker, of the United States Court at Indianapolis, gave his decision in the famous case of the Indianapolis Water Company against the American Strawboard Company for pollution of White River. He found against the Strawboard company and fined it \$250. Information was received at Sedalia, Mo., of the appointment of James C. Thompson, the defaulting and absconding cashier of the defunct First National Bank of Sedalia, as tie and wood inspector for the Mexican Central Railroad, with headquarters in the City of Mexico.

Over one-half of the twenty-four toll-gates in Anderson County, Kentucky, were destroyed by regularly-organized bands of lawless advocates of free turnpikes. The keepers were warned that an attempt to collect any more toll would be a warrant for a hanging. Rev. James B. Morrison, of Laconia, N. H., committed suicide by inhaling gas in the Revere House, Boston, Mass. Mr. Morrison left Laconia recently on account of charges about to be presented against him for immoral conduct. He had been pastor of the Unitarian Church in Laconia for the past six years.

Richard Williams, ex-Chinese customs inspector at San Francisco, convicted of extortion, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment and fined \$100,000.

### BALL SEASON ENDS.

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORD OF 1896.

Progress of the Struggle for the Championship from Its Beginning Last April—Prognostications for Next Season.

How They Stand.	1896.	Clubs.	1895.
1 .698.....	Baltimore	.....669	1
2 .625.....	Cleveland	.....646	2
3 .606.....	Cincinnati	.....508	8
4 .565.....	Boston	.....542	6
5 .555.....	Chicago	.....554	4
6 .512.....	Pittsburg	.....538	7
7 .489.....	New York	.....504	9
8 .477.....	Philadelphia	.....595	3
9 .443.....	*Washington	.....336	10
10 .443.....	*Brooklyn	.....542	5
11 .308.....	St. Louis	.....298	11
12 .290.....	Louisville	.....267	12

\*Tie for ninth place.  
The season just ended has not been as prosperous with professional baseball as the two or three seasons preceding. This is on account of the hard times. It is evidenced clearly from the fact that fewer of the minor leagues have pulled through the entire season. As far as the National League is concerned, the attendance in the aggregate has been smaller than last year. The conditions of the races have been responsible for this to a large degree. For instance, the clubs in good baseball towns like New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston have never been in it, as far as the championship was concerned, for any length of time; while last year nine clubs were fighting it out until near the close of the season. The business of the Chicago club, said President Hart, has fallen off both at home and abroad this season as compared with last, the greatest falling off being in the away-from-home games, caused by the reasons just stated. The attendance at home has been less than last year because we have had poorer attractions on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays, and also because the team was a greater number of games away from the pennant, although occupying the same relative position in the championship table as last year.

To prognosticate the performance for a coming season is a hard task. It is impossible to foretell what will be the condition of the men when they show up for work in the spring. The best pitchers of one season may be the poorest of the next. The heavy batsmen of 1896 may be the weak batsmen in 1897.

**EIGHT DIFFERENT TICKETS.**  
Multiplicity of Presidential Nominations May Lead to Confusion.

Says a Washington correspondent: There are now eight presidential tickets in the field. Some of the tickets are duplications. Nevertheless they were nominated by separate national conventions, duly called, and in some States, as, for instance, in Ohio and Illinois, where State legislation controls the method of printing the tickets for presidential electors, this multiplicity of tickets is likely to cause confusion. In the order of their nomination the tickets are as follows:

Prohibitionist—Nominated at Pittsburg May 27:  
For President—Joshua Levering, of Maryland.  
For Vice President—Hale Johnson, of Illinois.  
National Party—Free silver woman suffrage off-shoot of the regular prohibitionists, nominated at Pittsburg May 28:  
For President—Charles E. Bentley, of Nebraska.  
For Vice President—James Haywood Southgate of North Carolina.  
Republican—Nominated at St. Louis June 18:  
For President—William McKinley, of Ohio.  
For Vice President—Garret Augustus Hobart, of New Jersey.  
Socialist-Labor—Nominated at New York July 4:  
For President—Charles H. Matchett, of New York.  
For Vice President—Matthew Maguire, of New Jersey.  
Democratic Party—Nominated at Chicago July 10 and 11:  
For President—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.  
For Vice President—Arthur Sewall, of Maine.  
Silverites—Nominated at St. Louis July 24:  
For President—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.  
For Vice President—Arthur Sewall, of Maine.  
People's Party—Nominated at St. Louis July 24 and 25:  
For President—William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska.  
For Vice President—Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia.  
National Democratic Party—Nominated at Indianapolis Sept. 3:  
For President—John McAuley Palmer, of Illinois.  
For Vice President—Simon Bolivar Buckner, of Kentucky.

### END OF A LONG LEGAL FIGHT.

**Judge Payne Appoints a Receiver for Iowa Farmers' Trust Company.**  
The bill for the appointment of a receiver for the Farmers' Trust Company of Iowa, which has been the subject of much litigation, was filed with the Superior Court at Chicago Thursday. The claimants were Julia C. Rogers, Caroline M. Hobbs, Frank F. Holmes, Emil Waller, guardians of the Schoff estate and others who are owners of the bonds and stock of the company. Judge Payne appointed a title guarantee and a trust company receiver.

The company was incorporated in Iowa with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and its principal business has been to loan money on farm lands. The bill of the claimants alleges that Rockwell Sayer has been president of the company since its formation and the claimants say, he has managed the business mainly for his own profit.

What is believed to be a genuine case of leprosy was accidentally discovered in the waiting room at Bellevue Hospital, New York. The supposed victim was quickly transferred to the Willard Barker Hospital. He is George Fleming, 40 years old, a homeless German baker. He has been sleeping in charity houses, and, according to his story, he has been afflicted for ten years.

Richard Williams, ex-Chinese customs inspector at San Francisco, convicted of extortion, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment and fined \$100,000.